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2. Kazuharu Yamato, et al.: "Problems of Fingerprint Lookup Devices and How to Resolve Them," *Gazo Denshi Gakkaishi* [Journal of the Institute of Image Electronics Engineers of Japan], Japan, Institute of Image Electronics Engineers of Japan, August 25, 1995, Vol. 24, No. 4, p. 382-391.
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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H11-253426, published September 21, 1999 (with English abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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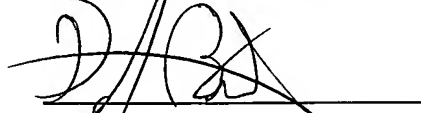
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